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TAGS: PFOR, EEC

SUBJECT: "EC IDENTITY" PAPER

REF: THE HAGUE 4811

BEGIN SUMMARY: EC-9 GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS HAVE
PRODUCED "EC IDENTITY" DRAFT CONTAINING MANY BRACKETS,
WHICH IS TO BE DISCUSSED NOV 12-13 BY POLITICAL COMMITTEE
AND NOV 20 BY FOREIGN MINISTERS; IT IS NOT YET CLEAR
WHETHER PAPER WILL BE COMPLETED BY FONMIN MEETING. WE
ARE TOLD THAT EC PAPER IS A RATHER VAGUE SUMMARIZATION
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OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF EC IDENTITY. PAPER

BRIEFLY TREATS RELATIONS WITH U.S., EMPHASIZING
"DISTINCT (EC) IDENTITY" AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE.
PAPER ALSO TREATS RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES AND LDC'S, TOUCHES DEFENSE ISSUES GINGERLY
AND EMPHASIZES DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
MENT AND IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL COHESION. END
SUMMARY

1. FONOFF REP HAS PROVIDED US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE WITH
RESUME OF CURRENT STATUS OF EC IDENTITY PAPER. OUR
SOURCE SAID THE OCT 30 GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING
IN COPENHAGEN RESULTED IN DRAFT PAPER WHICH STILL
CONTAINS MANY BRACKETS. THIS PAPER WILL BE DISCUSSED
AT THE NOV 12-13 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, THE SAME
WEEK AGAIN BY THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS AND FINALLY
NOV 20 AT THE QUARTERLY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE
EC FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THE
EC IDENTITY PAPER WILL BE COMPLETED BY NOV 20 BUT OUR
SOURCES SAID THE NINE WISH TO COMPLETE IT BEFORE
CONCLUSION OF THE U.S./EC DECLARATION. THE GERMANS
EXPECT THAT THE EC IDENTITY PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED.

2. IN DESCRIBING THE EC IDENTITY PAPER, OUR SOURCES
SAID IT WAS A COMPREHENSIVE YET VAGUE DOCUMENT WHICH
BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE, BASED ON EC SCRIPTURES,
A DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF BOTH INTERNAL
AND EXTERNAL EC IDENTITY. THE DOCUMENT IS NOT A FLASHY
ONE; THE NINE DECIDED TO AVOID MANIFESTO TYPE
HIGH FLOWN LANGUAGE AND OPTED INSTEAD FOR A STRAIGHT
FORWARD DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. OUR
SOURCES SAID THE PAPER LOOKED LIKE A KIND OF
"VAGUE PHOTOGRAPH"; GREAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO
AVOID THINGS THAT COULD ANNOY ONE PARTNER OR ANOTHER.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE PAPER STARTS WITH THE
GENERAL OUTLINE OF EC GOALS AND WITH A STATEMENT THAT
THE TIME HAS COME TO PREPARE A DOCUMENT DESCRIBING THE

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CURRENT STATE OF EC DEVELOPMENTS, RESPONSIBILITY AND PLACE OF EC IN THE WORLD AND EMPHASIZING THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF EC DEVELOPMENT. THE PAPER EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF EC INTERNAL COHESION AND DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLAINS IN BROAD TERMS THE REASONS FOR TOGETHERNESS.

4. THE PARAGRAPH ON DEFENSE IS BRIEF IN VIEW OF IRISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS. THE DEFENSE PARA REPORTEDLY REFERS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SECURITY, "EVEN IF NOT ONLY BY (EUROPE'S) OWN EFFORTS" (I.E., NATO). THE DEFENSE PARA SAYS EFFORTS TOWARD DETENTE
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BASED ON RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGE WHOULD ALSO BE MADE, AND THAT THE EC IDENTITY WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN DETENTE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THE PAPER ALSO TREATS, IN SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS, RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND LDC'S. THE U.S. PARAGRAPH JUDGES U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONS AS POSITIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND REFERS TO THE "CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE" CONCEPT. THE U.S. PARA EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE NOW, IN U.S./EUROPEAN

RELATIONS, IN THE EC AFFIRMING ITS "DISTINCT
IDENTITY."

6. THE LAST CHAPTER OF THE EC PAPER EMPHASIZES THE
DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF EC UNIFICATION AND REPORTEDLY SAYS
THAT, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THE EC IDENTITY PAPER SHOULD BE
REWRITTEN TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS.
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